## A Gentleman from Mississippi

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(Continued from Wednesday.)

"Perhaps you've never been down and out before, Mr. Haines, so they never had a chance to show whether they believed in you or not." "That may be one reason," he an-

swered. "I wonder why"-he paused- and leave me here with Mr. Haines." "I wonder why your sister Carolina did not believe in me.'

"You were quite fond of her, weren't you?" the girl began, then stopped and turned away her head.

Haines gazed curiously at Hope. "I was, yes. I even thought I loved her, but I soon saw my mistake. It wasn't love. It was only a kind of"-Suddenly pausing, Bud Haines shot

a swift glance at the girl. "What wonderful hair you have, Miss Hope."

The girl smiled invitingly. "Think so?"

"Yes," he declared earnestly. "I know so. I never noticed it before, but I guess lots of fellows down in Mississippi have."

Hope's tantalizing smile worried him. "I hope you are not secretly engaged too!" he exclaimed.

"No, oh, no!" she answered quickly before she thought.

"Or in love?" he asked seriously. Haines had stood up and was now leaning intently over the table. He apart." realized the difference between the feeling he had had for Carolina and the tender emotion that thrilled him as he thought of the sweet girl before him. This time be knew he was not mistaken. He knew that he truly loved Hope Langdon. "Or in love?" he asked again, anx-

lous at her silence. Hope looked at him slowly. A faint blush illumined her face.

"Oh, don't let's talk about me," she exclaimed. "But I want to talk about you," he cried. "I don't want to talk about any thing else. I must talk about you, and



I'm going to talk whether you want to hear or not. You've believed in me when nobody else believed. You've fought for me when everybody else was fighting against me. You've shown that you think I am honest and worthy of a woman's faith. You fought your own family for me. Nobody has ever done for me what you have, and-

He faltered, full of what he was about to say.

"And you're grateful," she ended. He looked her squarely in the eyes as though to fathom her thoughts. Then he reached toward the girl and seized both her hands.

"Grateful nothing!" he cried. "I'm not grateful. I'm in love-in love with you. I want you-want you as I never wanted anything or anybody before. and I tell you I'm going to have you Do you hear?"

The light in her eyes showed she was "Oh, nothing in the world could hap-

pen as quickly as that, Mr. Haines!" she protested, with her last attempt at archness.

"Nothing could?" he threatened. "I'll

show you." He advanced quickly around the table, but the girl darted just beyond his for Gulf City." grasp. Then she paused-and her lover

gathered her in his arms. "Hope, my dear; you are my own," was all he could say as he bent over

to kiss the lips that were not refused Hope released herself from his fer

vent grasp. "I love you, I do love you," she said fondly. "I believe in you, and father must too. You've got to straighten

this tangle out now, for my sake as well as your own. Father will listen." "It's all so strange, so wonderful, I can hardly understand it," began Haines slowly as he held the girl's

Unknown to both, the door leading from the hall had opened to admit Senator Langdon into the lower end of the room. Surprised at the sight of the couple, so seriously intent on each other, he made a sudden gesture of anger, then, apparently changing his mind, advanced toward them,

"I believe you want to see me, sir," he said to Haines. "I hope you'll be brief. I have very little time to spare

at the interruption. The man nervous-

ly stepped forward. "I shan't take much of your time, Senator Langdon," he said. "There has been a misunderstanding, a terri- and Mr. Randolph to come here." ble mistake. I am sure I can convince you."

Senator Langdon hesitated doubtfully, half turned toward Carolina, Randolph and Norton, who had followed

him, and again faced Haines. Hope pressed her father's arm and looked up into his face entreatingly. Randolph, observing this, quickly stepped close to the senator's side. saying, "I can settle with this Mr. Haines for you."

Waving his son aside, the senator

finally spoke. "I reckon there's been too many attending to my business and settling my affairs, Randolph," he said. "I think for a change I'll settle a few of my own. All of you children go out

CHAPTER XIX. SENATOR LANGDON LEARNS THE TRUTH. THEN they were alone Haines faced the senator and spoke

determinedly. "They told you I was not running straight," he said. The senator nodded, and the lines about his mouth deepened.

Bud Haines stiffened at the word. Every muscle in his body seemed to advice, has put her own money-\$25,become rigid as he mentally vowed that he would retaliate against his traducers if it cost him his life to do it. Hope had informed him only too accurately, he now realized. Little did the senator know that what he was now about to hear would give him one Altacoola land when you knew I had of the severest shocks of his life.

straight," said Haines deliberately. "Now, neither one of us has been crooked, but somebody else has been, and this was the plan to keep us

"Norton told me you were speculat ing in Altacoola lands," said Langdon. "And Norton told me the same of you," reforted Bud.

The senator's face grew very serious. "But my daughter, Miss Carolina Langdon, confirmed Norton's story." Haines here faced the most difficult part of his interview. He hardly knew how to answer. His manhood rebelled against placing any blame on a woman. He revolted at the thought of ruining a father's faith in his daughter's honesty, especially when that

father was the man he most admired.

a man for whom he had genuine, deep

rooted affection. But it was necessary that the words be spoken. "I hate to tell you, sir," he said in a low, uncertain voice, "that it was your daughter Carolina who made me believe this story told about you and

vouched for by your son Randolph." Langdon started back aghast. He stared at Haines and knew that he everybody-Peabody and Stevens and spoke the truth. Then his white head the rest-were in it, and Peabody is the sank pathetically. Tears welled into the eyes of the planter, and this sturdy old fighting man dropped weakly into planter, "he's the leader in the senate a chair, sobbing convulsively, broken in spirit and wearied in body. At length Haines spoke to his strick-

en chief. "I know it hurts," he said. "It hurt me to have to say it. Don't believe it

until you get it out of Norton, but then you must do some-Langdon came to his feet, mopping his cheeks. But there was no weakness in him now. Yes, he would do something. He would go after the thieves that had

turned his own flesh and blood against him and root them all out "I know it hurts."

-show them all up. "Oh, I'll do something," he said grimly. "I'm going to make up for should believe your careless, foolish lost time. Of course Norton is speculating. Who's behind him?"

answered Haines, "and behind them is Standard Steel." "What," exclaimed Langdon, "Ste-

sure? How do you know?" "A Gulf City man who couldn't car-Hope could not hide her agitation. ry his liquor gave me some clews, and Randolph! How could you? How is Peabody?"

"He's here now." "Then he hasn't got my letter yet. I sent him a note and signed your name, senator, to the effect that the Gulf City claims have been brought before you so strongly that you might vote

Langdon was amazed "You sent that note," he exclaimed. "when you know Altacoola is the only proper place and Gulf City is a mud

The newspaper man smiled. "Of course," he agreed, "but I had to get a rise out of Peabody. This will show where

he stands." "Oh," said Langdon, "I un-Thanks, boy." A servant entered with a note. "For Senator Peabody, sir, marked 'Urgent.' The messenger's

been hunting him for some hours." Langdon looked shrewdly at Bud, then turned to the servant. "You keep that

"Show up at the old note until I ring for you, then bring it to Senator Pea-Hope's bosom fluttered timorously body. Understand? No matter how

urgent it's marked." "Yes, sir." "Now tell Mr. Norton, Miss Langdon

The senator turned back to his sec "I expect I'm going to be pretty busy the rest of the evening, Bud, so in ease I forget to mention it again remember to show up at your old desk

in the morning." "I will. Thank you, sir." "You sent for us, senator," said Norton, approaching with his two dupes.

"You are interested in Altacoola lands," the senator angrily charged. "I am, sir," he said.

interested in Altacoola lands?" The schemer hesitated, and the senstor broke in on hin in re. "Speak out, man! Tell the truth, if

you can." "I did," admitted the congressman

finally. your not telling the truth?" demanded the Mississippian in threatening tone. "I told the truth," replied Norton. "You are interested in them."

For an instant Langdon seemed about to step toward him, then he controlled himself.

"I didn't know it," he said. senator," declared the congressman. "I have things to learn and things | vices." to teach," he said. "But go on. Why am I interested?"

"You are interested, senator," replied "through your son Randolph, who invested \$50,000 of your money in Altacocla, and also through your daughter, Miss Carolina, who, acting on my 000-in Altacoola land also."

For a moment Langdon was speech- lot I did it through ignorance, and less. It was too much at first for the honest old southerner to comprehend. "You mean," he gasped at last, "that you induced a boy to put \$50,000 in to vote on the bill? And you even "They told me you weren't running let my daughter put her money in the same scheme?"

"Of course I did. It was a splendid chance, and I let your son in for friendship and your daughter because she has done me the honor to promise to become my wife."

"What! You have my daughter's

promise to marry you, you"-"She admits it herself." "Then I reckon here's where I lose a prospective son-in-law," sneered Langdon. "But that's unimportant.

Now, Norton, who's behind you?" "I must decline to answer that." Langdon looked at him sternly. "Very well," he said. "You are too small to count. I'll find out for myself

Now you go to my study and wait there until I send for you. I must be alone with my children." When Norton and Haines had left them, Langdon turned sadly to the two

children who had disgraced him.

you know what you've done to me?" "What, father? We've done nothing wrong?" protested Carolina. "They told me it was perfectly legitimate," urged Randolph. "They said

"Can you understand?" he said. "Do

"Yes, my boy," assented the old and that's the shameful part of all this -that a man of his high standing should set you so miserable an exam

Randolph Langdon was not a vicious lad, not a youth who preferred or chos wrongdoing for the increased rewards it offered. He was at heart a chivalrous, straightforward, trustful south ern boy who believed in the splendid traditions of his family and loved his father as a son should a parent having the qualities of the old hero of Craw fordsville. Jealous of his honor, he had been a victim of Norton's wiles because of the congressman's position and pur suasiveness, because this companion of his young days had won his confidence and had not hesitated to distort the lad's idea of what was right and what

Randolph began an indignant protest against his father's reproof when the senator cut him short.

"Don't you see?" said the senator "I can understand there being rascals in the outside world and that they old father lawful game, but that he should be thought a tool for dishones "Stevens and Peabody, I'm positive," thieving by members of his own fam-My is incomprehensible.

"Randolph, my son, Carolina, my daughter, through all their generations sadly. "I'm going, I fear, to make you vens in a swindle like this! Are you the Langdons have been honorable Your mother was a Randolph, and this from you! Oh, Carolina! And, you I worked Norton into telling some could you betray or seek to betray your your dear mother, who has gone?"

CHAPTER XX. THE CALL TO ARMS.

OTH Randolph and Carolina were deeply affected by their father's The daughter attempted t take on herself the blame for her broth-

er's action "I was the older one. I might have stopped him if I had wished and should

bear the burden." "No, no, father," exclaimed th youth, his inborn self reliance prompt ing him to shoulder the consequences of his own mistakes. "I, and I alone, am responsible for what I did. I did not realize that it was wrong. I wil not hide behind Carolina."

Carolina Langdon bore herself better than was to have been expected under the strain of the painful interview. She saw more clearly now how she had erred. She was undergoing an inward revolution that would make it impossible for her ever again to veer so far from the line of duty to her father, her

family and to herself. When Randolph had finished Carolina took up her own defense, and eloquently she pleaded the defense of many woman who yearns for what she has not got, for what may be beyond her reach-the defense of the woman who chafes under the limitations of worldly position, of sex and of opportunity. It was the defense of an ambitious

"Perhaps I ought to have been a fashioned for his time. man of the Langdon family," she exclaimed. "Father, oh, can't you un- Jolph, you bring Stevens."



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derstand that I couldn't doze my life away down on those plantations? You manded Peabody. don't know what ambition is. I had | "I'm considering Gulf City," agreed "And you told Mr. Haines that I was to have the world. I had to have Langdon, money. If'I had been a man I would Peabody brought down his fist on the have tried big financial enterprises. I table

tune. You wouldn't have condemned Langdon," he cried. "We're committed Best me then. You might have said my to Altacoola, and Altacoola it is. I methods were bold, but if I steeded don't care what you heard of Gulf I would have been a great man. But City. Now, I'd like to settle this a ing "Was there any particular reason for just because I am a woman you think in a friendly manner, Langdon. I like I must sit home with my knitting. No, always for every member of the senate father, the world does move. Women to have his share of the power and the must have an equal chance with men, patronage. We've been glad to put you but I wish I had been a man!"

been a gentleman," rebuked her father honesty of your character. You look sternly. "Women should have an well. You're the kind of politician the equal chance, Carolina. They should public thinks it wants nowadays, but "You have several things to learn, have an equal chance for the same you've been in the senate long enough virtues as men, not for the same to know that bills have to pass, and

admitted what I have tried to prove. 'plan you bring up." the trickster, making his big play. The woman with the spirit of a man, the spirit that cries to a woman, 'Ad- can't object to my being for Gulf vance,' 'Accomplish,' 'Be something.' City?" asked Langdon. 'Strike for yourself,' cannot sit idly by while all the world moves on. If it is Gulf City?" demanded Peabody. true that I have chosen the wrong means, the wrong way, to better my don.



"Women must have an equal chance." that ignorance is the fault of the times in which I live, of the system that guides the era in which I live.

ed,' but the world, the world of men. knows better. It laughs at me. It has cheated me because I am a woman. The world of men has fenced me in and hobbled me with convention with precedent, with fictitious sentiment If I pursue the business of men as they themselves would pursue it I am called an ungrateful daughter. If I should adopt the morals of men l would be called a fallen woman. If I adopted the religion of men I would have no religion at all. Turn what way I will"-

"But not every woman feels the way you do, my daughter," broke in the

"No, you are right, because their spirit has been crushed by generations. by centuries of forced subserviency to They tell us we should be thank ful that we do not live in China, where women are physical slaves to men. In our country they are forced to be men tal and social slaves to men. Is one very much worse than the other?"

"Then, dear," and her father's tone was very gentle, "if you want an equal chance-want to be equal to a manyou must take your medicine with Randolph, like a man."

"What are you going to do, sir?" asked, afraid. "I'm going to spoil all your little ning! scheme, dear," he returned, smiling lose all your money. I'd like to make it easy for you, but I can't. You've Mississippi I shall be able, I hope, to the Langdons calls. This is the time for the fight, and any one who fights

against me must take the conse quences." He walked over and touched the bell. "Thomas," he said to the servant who responded, "take that letter at the right time. The scene must be set, once to Senator Peabody, in the libra-

"What is it, sir?" asked Randolph. "It's the call to arms," responded his

father grimly. Senator Peabody read the letter to which Haines had signed Langdon's name and jumped up from his chair in profits for yourself." Turning to Stethe library in astonishment. Without vens, who had just entered, the Penn a word to the startled Stevens he rush

ed to confront Langdon "What's the meaning of this?" he shouted as he burst in on the funior senator from Mississippi "Of what?" asked the southerner

with a blandness that added fuel te Peabody's irritation. "Den't trifle with me, sir!" cried "the boss of the senate." "This letter. You sent it. Explain it! I'm in no mood to

Landen looked at him calmly. "I think the letter is quite plain, senhe turned to his daughter. "This dis my dear. Will you go to the drawing room to receive our guests?" Carclina obeyed She seemed to be

whom she had considered to be too old "Now, senator, go ahead, and, Ran-

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"Then if you are as sure of that you "Are you financially interested in

"Don't flare up, Langdon," retorted happened in the senate. There are Sprunt & Son, cotton exporters, of ers you may expect that city to grow often perfectly legitimate profits to be Wilmington, at the price straight and prosper, and hence it is that made in some regular commercial ven- through of 10 cents per pound, and Goldsboro has always gone steadily ture by a man who has inside infor-

"Senator Peabody," asked Langdon why are you so strong for Altacoola?" The Pennsylvanian hesitated. "Its natural advantages," he said at the largest cash transaction of any either in physical proportions, steady

The southerner shook his head. "Oh, that's all? Well, if natural ad- & Thompson have made many large things-Greater Goldsboro. vantages are going to settle it, and leals in cotton—and other commodinot influence, go ahead and vote, and "The boss of the senate" was in a

corner now. "Confound it, Langdon, if you will have it, I am interested in Altacoola." Langdon nodded.

"That's all I wanted to know," he "Now you see why it's got to be Altacoola," persisted the boss. "I don't mind telling you, then, Senator Peabody," answered Langdon calmly, "that my being for Gulf City

was a bluff. I've been trying to draw you out. Gulf City is a mud bank and no more fitted to be a naval base than Keokuk, Ia. Altacoola it's got to be, for the good of the country and the honor of Mississippi. "And one thing more, senator. I'd ast like to add that not a single mar

connected with that committee is go-

ing to make a cent out of the deal.

You get that straight?" CHAPTER XXI.

"IF YOU CAN'T BUY A SENATOR, THREAT EN HIM. ENATOR PEABODY was the most surprised man in Washington when he heard the junior senator from Mississippi state that no one was to enrich himself out of the government naval base

He heaped a mental anathema on the head of Stevens for saddling such man on the senate "machine." for Langdon would of course never had been put on "naval affairs" (just now very important to the machine) without the "O. K." of Stevens, who had won a heretofore thoroughly reliable reputation as a judge of men, or of what purported to be men. The thought that at this time, of all times, there should be a man on the committee on naval affairs that could not be who reveled in the title of "boss of the senate" determine that he must get another chief lieutenant to replace Stevens, who had proved so trustworthy

in the past. Stevens had lost his cun As the vote of Langdon could not be secured by humbug or in exchange for favors and as it could not be "deliv ered," Peabody, of course, was willing got to take your medicine, children to pay in actual cash for the vote. and when it's all over back there in This was the final step, but one in political conspiracies of this nature-cash more," answered the secretary. "Where father, who sees in you the image of patch up your broken lives and togeth. But Langdon would not take cash, so er we will work out your mistakes. 1 Peabody had to resort to the last can't think of that now. The honor of agency of the trained and corrupt ma-

nipulator of legislation. He would threaten. Moreover, he knew that to make threats effective, if it is possible to do so, they must be led up to systematically-that is, they should be made at

as in a play. Senator Peabody glared at Langdon as though to convince the latter that

to stand in his way would mean political destruction. "So nobody is going to make a cent, eh? Well, I suppose you want all the

sylvanian cried: "Do you but listen to our suddenly good friend Langdon. He wants to be the only man to make money out of the naval base. He won't listen to any making a cent out of it. Why, he"-

state what is false, and you know it you-you"-"Then you are willing that others should have their rightful share?" put

"Great God, sir!" exclaimed Langdon

You are going too far, Peabody. You

in Stevens. "Oh, I understand now, "No, no, no!" cried Langdon. "You do not understand, Senator Stevens and I must say I am ashamed to speak of you by the honorable title of senator, sir. I will not listen to any person enriching himself at the government expense, and I am your enemy, you, Peabody, and you, Stevens, beyond recall. You both know you misrepresent

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